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INTELLIGENCE FROM "LEAF" (1941)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 2905

23 Sept. 41

Material from "LEAF[LIST]" [1].

[182 groups unrecoverable]

in BULGARIA" [a].

Note: [a] or "to BULGARIA".

Comment: [1] LEAF: Unidentified cover-name. *"Material from..."*

The same introductory phrase was used in messages in which the texts of British telegrams stolen by H[G], (HOMER MACLEAN) were transmitted from WASHINGTON to MOSCOW. (Cf. WASHINGTON's 1788, 1791, 1793 of 29th March 1945 (3/NBF/T1725, 1726, 1727), 1808-1809 of 30th March 1945 (3/NBF/T1728) and 1826 of 31st March 1945 (3/NBF/T1730)). This brief opening unaccompanied by any explanatory remarks, suggests that LEAF, like H[G], was an active and successful agent.

The first recorded occurrence of the cover-name "LEAF" is in LONDON's message No. 2580 of 1st September 1941 (3/NBF/T1501) which also begins "Material from LEAF". There is some indication that it occurs in the same stereotyped beginning in the following unpublished messages:- LONDON's No. 3147 of 8th October 1941, No. 3737 of 22nd November 1941 and No. 674 of 20th March 1942.

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